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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

Today's opening prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, CAPT Washington Johnson II, CHC, USNR Deputy Chaplain, Navy Region Hawaii.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who reigns in splendor and majesty, we acknowledge Your divine power as we seek the blessings that will sustain and guide us through this day's journey. We pray that Your presence will fill this Chamber and that You would grant our Senators sufficient wisdom, knowledge, and understanding with the deliberations and decisions that will be made.

We thank You for this Nation's indelible history, and we ask Your blessings of protection upon it as we look forward to the glorious day that the Prophet Isaiah wrote about that proclaims:

He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

This is my prayer in the name of Him that is eternal. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO DISCHARGE—Resumed

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the motion to discharge, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A motion to discharge Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2018, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. ROSEN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

WOMEN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT OF 2022

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, yesterday, the American people saw for themselves the glaring contrast between Democrats, who will fight to protect women's rights to make decisions about their own bodies, and MAGA Republicans pushing to send mothers and doctors to jail and institute nationwide abortion bans.

With Roe on the brink of elimination, this issue will not go away. As Americans vote later this year, they

will choose between radical MAGA Republicans, who want to get rid of Roe, push national bans on abortion, and even throw doctors and women in jail, or pro-choice Democrats, who will protect a woman's right to make her own decisions when it comes to her body.

Let me say that again.

The contrast facing the American people is now simple: Either elect more MAGA Republicans, who want to push for sweeping national bans on abortion, or support pro-choice Democrats, who will protect a woman's rights to make her own decisions about her body.

Either elect more MAGA Republicans, who want forced pregnancies and who champion bans without exceptions even for rape or incest, or support pro-choice Democrats, who will protect a woman's right to make her own decisions.

Either elect more MAGA Republicans, who want to prosecute and even imprison women and doctors for carrying out abortions—and mere friends who give rides to clinics—or support pro-choice Democrats, who will protect a woman's rights.

Americans are going to see that contrast again and again and again as Democrats keep highlighting this very important and vital issue.

And as much as Republicans will try to deflect, distort, or distract, the unbendable truth is that their anti-women views are wildly out of step with the American people. Just look at what is happening across the country. Democrats across the country are confidently highlighting their support for a woman's right to make her own choices; and while the MAGA Republicans may want to brag about their plans for a nationwide abortion ban and sending women and doctors to jail, the clear majority of Americans disagrees with that extremist position. That is why Republican campaign committees are urging their candidates to avoid the subject of abortion—because they know their views are out of step.

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